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Battery With A Protection Device And An Electrical Component

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RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 4

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Sir:

An office action dated October 3, 2001 and labeled "Paper No. 4 (the "Office Action")" was received and reviewed. In response to the Office Action, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Applicant requests allowance of the claims, as amended herein.

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 11 starting at line 14 and ending at line 24 to read as follows:

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Alternatively, a shrink-wrap may be applied around the battery 61 and the protective housing 13. Such a shrink-wrap is described in U.S. Patent Application 09/404,934, and the description of the shrink wrap therein is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, as shown in Figure 4, the means for fastening may be a panel nut 82 which contacts the base 16, and attaches to a portion of the terminal pin 58 extending through the contact hole 64. The panel nut 82 may be made from a non-conductive material such as 6/6 nylon.

Attached as Exhibit A is a marked up version of the paragraph showing the changes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 7 and 14 to read as follows:

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4. (Amended) The protection device of claim 3, wherein the means for fastening is a panel nut.

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7. (Amended) The protection device of claim 1, further comprising a sheet between the base and a battery.